

City of Peronne Within French Grasp

CAPTURE OF CITY BY ALLIES IS
SURE TO TAKE PLACE IN
NEAR FUTURE.

Fighting in vicinity of Volhynia
Continues With Deadly Furore.
English May Abandon Military
Conscription of the Irish.

(By United Press)

Paris, Oct. 19.—The French closed in on Peronne during the night and are progressing between Lamalange and Dinches in heavy fighting south of the Somme. In spite of the German counter attacks, the newly won Saillly-Sallies positions are now entirely in the hands of the French, who consolidated their forces last night. The capture of Peronne is now believed to be a matter of a short time only.

Serbs Take Village.

Paris, Oct. 19.—The Serbians have captured the village of Brod, southeast of Monastir, from the Bulgarians, in a brilliant combat, according to an official statement.

May Abandon Conscription.

London, Oct. 19.—The cabinet met today to consider the question of Irish military conscription. In view of Lloyd George's statement yesterday, the plan may be abandoned.

German Use U-boat Nets.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Following the British tactics, the Germans are now using nets in the North Sea to entrap submarines, according to dispatches to the State Department.

Rains Impend Operations.

London, Oct. 19.—Heavy rains are impeding operations on the Somme front, states a report from General Haig.

Great Battle in the East.

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—After five days of practically ceaseless fighting, the battle of Volhynia continues with no sign of interruption. The Germans are using gas and a large quantity of ammunition against the Russian lines. The fighting is especially fierce east of Svinitschi.

FRENCH TROOPS REPULSED SAVES THE BELGIAN REPORT

Berlin, Oct. 19.—The official statement of today referring to the situation on the western front reads:

"Army group of Prince Rupprecht—the artillery fighting attained considerable intensity over wide sectors, especially north of the Somme. During the evening the British attacked between Le Sars and Gueudecourt and the French from Les Boeufs, as far as Ramecourt. On both sides of Ramecourt the Abbaye our destructive fire brought to bear upon the enemy storming trenches, reduced the attack at the outset to failure. Near Gueudecourt stubborn hand-to-hand fighting developed, during which our positions were held in their entirety."

GERMANS ARE NOW INVADING RUMANIA

(By United Press)

London, October 19.—The Teutons have broken through Gyimes Pass and have invaded northwestern Rumania according to Berlin dispatch. Severe fighting is taking place on Rumanian soil near the town of Patask. The Germans are attempting to drive south along the Tergu-Coan railway to cut the main railway supplying the northern Rumanian armies. The Rumanians are vigorously counter-attacking along the whole southern Transylvania frontier, southeast of Kronstadt. The Rumanians have wrested the initiative from the Germans, attempting the invasion and fighting in the region of Vulcan Pass is becoming more violent. The battle around the bend of the Czerna river in Macedonia, between the Bulgarians and Serbs is still in doubt.

20,000 MEN MAKE ARMS FOR THE GERMANS

(By United Press)

Essen, Germany, Oct. 19.—Twenty thousand new workers this week will join the seventy thousand that are already employed in the great Krupp gun works in the gigantic task of supplying shells and guns to the German armies. This is one step in Germany's renewed efforts to win the war. Under the direction of Von Hindenburg, many skilled workmen have been recalled from the front to assist in the production of war supplies. The Krupp plants have been greatly increased and more room is being made for them.

Mr. J. J. Britt and Miss Mary Sherrod of Enfield witnessed the opening show at Madry's Opera House.

U-BOAT SUNK OFF U.S. COAST

NORFOLK, Oct. 19.—A German submarine, probably the U-53, was sunk off Nantuxet, according to a signal from a British cruiser to the British steamer North Pacific, which arrived in port here today.

Officers of the North Pacific stated that when their vessel was still some distance out at sea, they passed the British cruiser. The warship signalled the message that the German submarine had been sunk, but no other details of the incident were revealed.

HERALD POLL SHOWS HUGHES IN THE LEAD

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New York, Oct. 19.—The new York Herald's great political poll published yesterday says:

Charles E. Hughes maintains a slender lead in the race for the presidency. President Wilson has made slight gains. The margin of safety for the Republican ticket has narrowed considerably since the Herald's canvass started by the indications as shown by the 107,403 straw votes are that if an election were held today the normal Republican stronghold would roll up pluralities just large enough to give Mr. Hughes a majority in the electoral college.

The changes during the last week were less marked than during the previous week. From all that can be gleaned at this time the Republicans are at a standstill and President Wilson is going ahead slowly. The race is a close one. Nowhere is there a suggestion of landslide or anything approaching it.

Conditions are such that it would be hazardous now, with the straw vote campaign incomplete, to make a definite prediction. There are many indications that the mountain-top public pluralities of the McKay, Roosevelt and Taft years are dangerously threatened. On the other hand, the President is holding his own with ease in the strictly Democratic territory, and is apparently certain to get such states as Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Oklahoma, in each of which the Republicans believed a short time ago they had a fighting chance or considerably better.

The states of New York, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana will beyond all question decide the election. Any one of them may.

The straw votes and the inquiries made by correspondents for the Herald indicate at this writing that Mr. Hughes has the better of the situation in New York, Illinois and Indiana and it is a "toss up" in Ohio. All the states mentioned are in doubt. Illinois, which was presumed by the Republicans to be overwhelmingly Republican and conceded by the Democrats to be very likely to go strongly for Hughes and Fairbanks, has begun to waver.

The women, so far as the straw vote discloses, favor the President because of his peace program. The male element of the electorate is in a large majority for the Republican ticket, but the attitude of the women voters, of whom there are a half million, inject a distinct note of uncertainty in the situation there.

HUMANE SOCIETIES MEET TO TALK OF CRUELTY

(By United Press)

Cincinnati, October 19.—Special emphasis will be placed on humane education to commemorate the work of Henry Bergh, founder of America's first anti-cruelty society, by members of the American Humane association, here today to attend their fortieth annual meeting which continues through Thursday. Today's work will be devoted to child protection and the remainder of the sessions to animal protection.

The association, with headquarters at Albany, N. Y., is a federation of 562 anti-cruelty societies. Last year the federated societies investigated and cared for cases of cruelty involving 212,215 children and 2,394,721 animals.

CHARGE FATHER WITH MURDER OF DAUGHTER

(By United Press)

Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 19.—E. J. Fudge, a prominent citizen of Pensacola, is under indictment charged with the murder of his two daughters, Tennie and Ethel, last September. The girls were shot to death and Fudge stated that one had killed the other and then shot herself. The State Attorney believes that circumstantial evidence of a double

Democratic Enthusiasm Sweeping The Country

LEADERS ARE JUBILANT OVER
STATEMENTS GIVEN OUT BY
RAILROAD MAGNATES.

Announced Today That Similar
Statements will be Issued by Some
of the Other Leading Railroad
Men of the Country Before Long.

(By United Press)

Long Branch, Oct. 19.—The statements of F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad, and Judge Lovett, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific, endorsing President Wilson and disputing the claims that the President acted with "political expediency" when he forced the passage of the Adamson eight-hour law, was the best news that has hit Shadow Lawn in some days.

The President's political lieutenant declared today that they anticipate similar action from the other railroad magnates. Shadow Lawn is very optimistic these days and the spirits of the big Democratic leaders are soaring high.

HIGH ENTHUSIASM IS EXPRESSED BY DEMOCRATS

New York, Oct. 19.—The Democrats fairly exuded optimism here today from every pore. President Wilson was here for a short stay, on his way west and received a fine demonstration at the Grand Central station which his managers insisted had not been "planted." Many trainmen joined in the demonstration and cheered for Wilson and the eight-hour law. The President remarked to some of the trainmen that he was very glad to observe that "some efforts did not go unrewarded."

Chairman McCormick, just from the west, assured the President that the west was on fire with Wilson sentiment and that the Republicans would never be able to stop the conflagration. The Democratic chairman likewise assured the President and party that neither Ohio nor Illinois could longer be considered doubtful.

PRESIDENT SCRATCHED ON HAND BY ENTHUSIAST

(By United Press)

Goshen, Ind., Oct. 19.—President Wilson is today whirling through Indiana en route to Chicago, where he is scheduled to make three speeches. The President greeted his handshakers today with his left hand. His right hand is bandaged because of a scratch inflicted by some careless enthusiast, who drove his nails into the President's palm. Dr. Grayson ordered the wound to be bandaged, fearing infection.

The members of the party are greatly cheered by the receptions which have been accorded the President all the way through New York State. The climax came at Syracuse, where 15,000 applauded him.

PROTEST OVER U. S. CAPITAL IN CHINA

(By United Press)

Washington, Oct. 19.—The Chinese embassy today officially confirmed reports of Japanese protests against the railway and canal concessions made by the Chinese governments to American corporations. It is believed that the matter will be laid before the State Department.

A large United States firm recently secured concessions for building a large mileage of canals and railroads in China. The exact location of the routes has not yet been decided upon. It is believed that Russia and Japan are opposed to American capital being brought into China as they desire to derive the profits themselves.

GIRL HELD AS "OPIUM QUEEN" SPURNS HELP

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 16.—Grace Le Marr, formerly a girl of remarkable beauty, but now a pitiful human wreck through opium, is to be sent to a hospital instead of to prison, it was determined by the Oakland police. Miss Le Marr was arrested in a raid on an opium den at No. 1039 Webster street, Oakland. She was in company with Lung Jew, a Chinese whom Federal authorities claim to have connected with a high-binder gang involved in opium smuggling.

The girl admitted to the police that she is Irene Gibson, known to traffickers in opium as "The Queen of the Highbinders." Her life amid the evil customs of the notorious highbinder gang brought on consumption, and so hastened the ravages of that disease that she is now in its last stages.

GREEK TROOPS IN CONTROL

ANTI-ALLY MOBS HAVE BEEN
DISPOSED OF FOR PRESENT.
CRISIS NOT YET PAST.

Will See That Greek Neutrality is
Not Violated by the Allies. King
Constantine Urges People to Re-
frain from Acts of Violence.

(By United Press)

Athens, Oct. 19.—Greek troops are in complete control of the situation here. Anti-ally mobs have been disposed of for the present and the possibility of a serious clash between the citizens and the French marines appears to have been averted.

Anti-ally leaders, however, continue their efforts to organize demonstrations and the crisis is by no means past.

It is understood that King Constantine, following a conference with the French and British ministers, personally appealed to his most prominent supporters not to stir up the Athens crowds to acts of violence.

The collapse of the rumors that an American fleet was approaching Pierzeus to intervene, disheartened the citizens. The fact that American war ships will arrive in a few hours to prevent violations of Greek neutrality by the allies, greatly encouraged the Greek cabinet. The cabinet met and is reported to have drafted a protest to the allies against the arrest of the Greek members of the Reservist League by the French marines. A crowd of Greek troops, witnessing the arrest, failed to intervene.

FRENCH HAVE SEIZED SEAPORT OF ATHENS

Athens, Oct. 19.—Control of the port of Piraeus, the seaport of Athens, has been taken over by the French. No manifests from this port will hereafter be valid without visa by the Allies.

Greek army officers say the shipment of war munitions to Thessaly, the stoppage of which was demanded in the note presented to the Greek Government by Admiral du Poutre, commander of the Anglo-French fleet was for the purpose of supplying the soldiers of the Fourth Army Corps who were not taken to Germany at the time of the Bulgarian occupation of Kavala. Their equipment fell into the hands of the Bulgarians.

VANIZELLOS GOVERN- MENT RECOGNIZED

(By United Press)

London, Oct. 19.—The new nationalist government has been established on the island of Crete by ex-Premier Venizelos and has been recognized by the French consul, according to an Athens dispatch.

A "Venizelos party," favoring intervention in the war, was organized and planned last night by Greek leaders, following a giant demonstration. It is planned to enlist 300,000 Greeks and to join the allied forces at an early date.

PREDICTS GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP IN 10 YEARS

(By United Press)

Washington, October 19.—Uncle Sam is going to take the railroad business within the next decade, according to Benjamin C. Marsh, New York executive secretary of the real preparatory committee of the Interstate Socialist Society, an organization backed morally and financially by Amos Pinchot.

"Every railroad in the United States—252,000 miles of them," said Marsh today, "will pass from private ownership within ten years to be operated in the interest of the public instead of the interstate of privilege. The railroad capitalists, being human, wish to get who prices for rain water. It is our mission to squeeze all the water out of the roads before the Government takes them over."

Declaring ultimate Government operation of all roads, inevitable, Marsh said "the real problem is to see that the properties are not unloaded on the public at more than their actual value."

May Settle Bayonne Strike.

Bayonne, N. J., Oct. 19.—Prospects of a settlement of the strike of Standard Oil workers, which has been marked with the loss of life, were in view today. The Standard Oil company was authoritatively reported to be ready to consider favorably the demands of the men for higher wages, provided they would first return to work.

Terrific Storm On Gulf Coast

ALLIES ARE NOW HOLDING
HOUSES ON EDGE OF THE
BAUPAUME-PERONNE ROAD.

Germans Are Countering Violently
and Battle Still Continues. On
the Eastern Frontier Germans
Have Also Been Driven Back.

(By United Press)

Paris, October 19.—The French have penetrated the German defenses at Saillly and Saillissol, northwest of Comblès and are now occupying houses on the edge of the Bauparme-Peronne road, according to an official statement. The Germans are countering violently and the battle still continues.

Germans Are Repulsed.

London, Oct. 16.—Aided by liquid fire and heavy cannonading, the Germans last night launched an unusually heavy attack against the Schwabach redoubt north of Thiepval. They were repulsed with heavy losses. South of Ancre the Germans shelled the British positions heavily through out the night. North of Courlette bomb attacks were repulsed.

Launch Counter Attacks.

Petrograd, Oct. 16.—The Teutons have launched repeated counter attacks in the great battle that is raging north of Korytnica but have been repulsed with heavy losses. Heavy fighting continues along a wide portion of both the Volhynian and Galician fronts. Obstinately fighting also continues north of Seborwa and north of Stanislaw.

CO-EDS PROVE BETTER STUDENTS THAN MEN

Boulder, Col., Oct. 16.—Women attained higher records of scholarship than men for the second semester in the University of Colorado last year, according to figures just made public. The average of all women was 80.87 as against 78.90 for all men. The average of all students was 79.6, an increase of 1.23 per cent over the first semester.

The second semester averages for 1916 were a factor of 1.23 per cent lower than for the corresponding period of the year before. The average of those competing in athletics was slightly lower than the general standing. Students participating in debating stood 4 per cent higher in standing than the average for the student body.

ARBOR DAY IS ONLY THREE WEEKS OFF

Arbor Day is only three weeks off, as it comes November 3rd this year. A special effort has been made to have the day appropriately celebrated all over the State and it is hoped that all the schools will observe it in some way. A new "Arbor and Bird Day Manual" was prepared by the State Geological and Economic Survey at the special request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and this was ready for the printer the beginning of August. For some unaccountable reason the printing of this manual has been delayed to such extent that it hardly seems possible to have it properly distributed before Arbor Day. This is a great misfortune, as the County Superintendents of Public Instruction throughout the State made an almost unanimous demand that these books be distributed this year earlier than was done last year so that the teachers would have plenty of time to teach the children their exercises. Instead of being earlier, the manual will be much later, too late to be of any use in preparing Arbor Day observances.

It will now be necessary for the teachers who are organizing Arbor Day exercises to use again the Manual for 1915. If additional copies of this are needed, they can no doubt be secured by applying to the County Superintendent or to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh.

PANTS WERE FIRST WORN 100 YEARS AGO

(By United Press)

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Stand up straight men, swing your legs about—first one, then the other look at 'em and then glorify the memory of the man who invented trousers, pantalons or just plain pants.

It happened just 100 years ago today. A chap whose name is long since dust grew tired of breeches with their encumbering snugness and evolved the forerunner of the present style of trousers.

NUMEROUS PERSONS INJURED.
BUILDINGS UNROOFED AND
OTHER DAMAGE DONE.

Picked Up a Messenger and Carried
Him Through the Air for Eighty
Feet Before Throwing Him
Through a Plate Glass Window.

(By United Press)

Pensacola, Oct. 19.—Whipped and torn by the worst hurricane in its history, Pensacola today reports numerous persons injured and a wide spread of unroofed buildings.

The storm is sweeping in from the Gulf and lashed the city furiously. The wind reached a velocity of 120 miles an hour. It tore away the tower of the Weather Bureau and wrecked the grain elevator of the Louisville & Nashville railroad. It also tore off a railroad warehouse roof and ruined several thousand dollars worth of goods inside.

The wind performed many strange freaks. It picked up a messenger boy and hurled him eighty feet across the street through a plate glass window. Public Works Commissioner Johnson fractured both legs. Street cars and telegraph and telephone service are paralyzed.

Storm at Mobile.

Mobile, Oct. 19.—One woman is reported killed and slight damage to shipping and property is reported as the result of the hurricane which swept over the city yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Storm Proceeding Northward.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The Gulf storm is now centered in Indiana. Storm warnings have been posted on the Great Lakes by the weather bureau.

U-BOAT WAR OFF AMER- ICAN COAST TO GO ON

Berlin, October 19.—Dr. Siegfried Heckscher, the well-known parliamentarian and member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, makes the following statement for the International News Service:

"Curiously enough, up to the present, we have been receiving our information regarding the activities of German U-boats in the vicinity of the American coast entirely through the British-colored Reuter bulletins."

"It is well to reiterate that the activities of our U-boats in the vicinity of American waters is being carried on strictly within the limits established for cruiser warfare."

"You may rest assured, however, that the German nation and its Parliament are firm in their determination that U-boat warfare within the limits prescribed for cruisers, whether in the vicinity of Norwegian or American waters, must go on resolutely and unflinchingly."

FOOD DICTATOR OF GERMANY MAY QUIT

London, October 19.—In a speech in the Reichstag, Adolf von Batocki, president of the German Food Regulation Board, hinted that he would resign. He made this threat upon speaking of the action of some dealers in withholding their stocks of potatoes for higher maximum prices.

"If any one hopes to make money in this way," Herr Batocki said, "it can only be because when I am no longer in office. I hope my successor will maintain my attitude and never increase maximum prices."

ITALY IS FIRM ON PEACE QUESTION

ROME, Oct. 19.—Austria must be destroyed as a state; Germany must be deprived of every and all thought of dominion of the world before the war can end, today declared Signor Bissolati, socialist leader, soldier and one of the most powerful men in the Italian cabinet.

"To consent to peace now," stated the Signor, "would be an act of treason on the part of any of the allies. I am convinced that Lord George's statement to the United Press and that Premier Asquith's words express the firm resolve of all the allies. Peace must be real and lasting and the deadly germ of the war must be destroyed."

RECREATION CLUB MEETING

The Recreation Club had a most delightful meeting with Miss Fannie Gray, Tuesday afternoon at her home on Depot street. Following in the meeting an ice course was served. The guests present were: Mrs. Clara Seaver of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mesdames O. J. Moore, Hugh Johnson, Kathleen Kelly, J. E. Woolard.